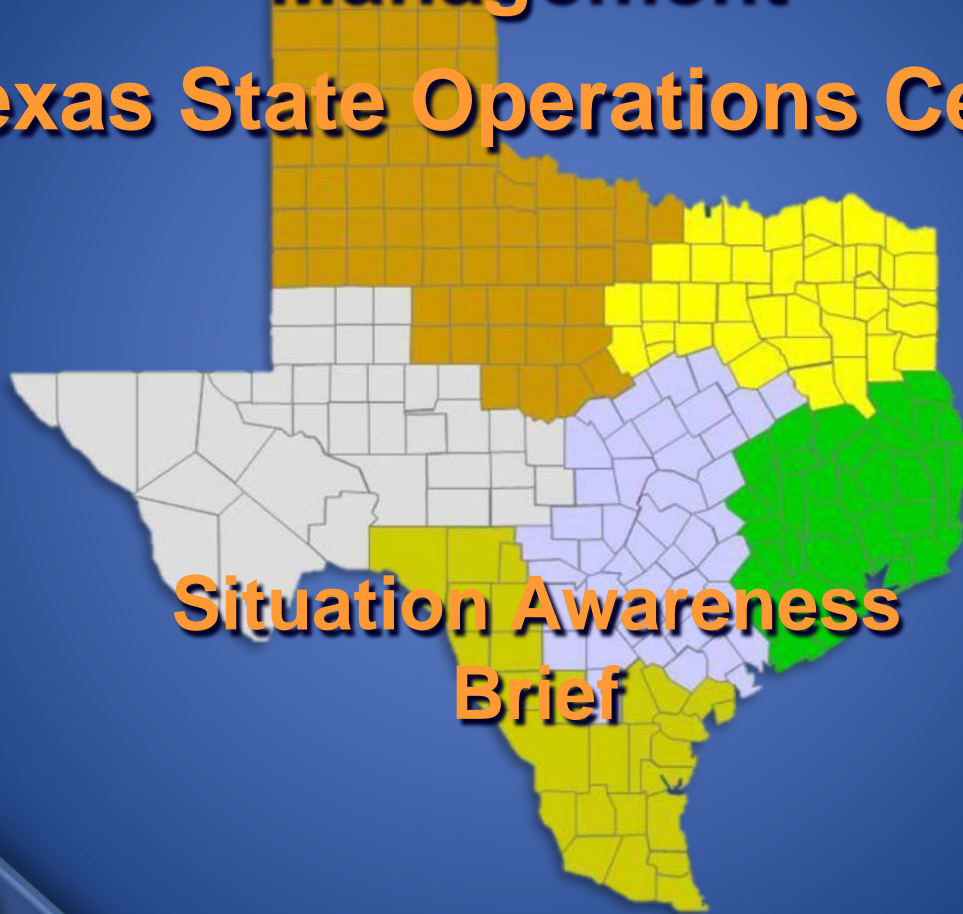


# Texas Department of Public Safety Texas Division of Emergency Management

## Texas State Operations Center



### Situation Awareness Brief



Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup> 2018  
As of 0900 CST

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03/16/18	Initial Report of a Wildfire	Montague County	N
03/16/18	Final Report of the 4840 Fire	Wise County	Y
03/16/18	Update Report #5 of an Oil Well Explosion	Cheapside / Gonzales County	N
03/16/18	Initial Report of Spring Ranch Fire	Motley County	N
03/16/18	Initial and Final Report of the Johnson Fire	Cochran County	Y
03/16/18	Update Report #3 of the County Line Fire	Hartley County	N
03/16/18	Initial Report of a Wildfire and Evacuation	Follett / Lipscomb County	N
03/16/18	Initial Report of a Wildfire on IH 20	Midland County	N
03/16/18	Update Report #1 of the Spring Ranch Fire	Motley County	N
03/16/18	Initial Report of the Bird Elevator Fire	Moore County	N
03/16/18	Final Report of Spring Ranch Fire	Motley County	Y
03/16/18	Initial Report of the 2887 Wildfire	Childress County	N

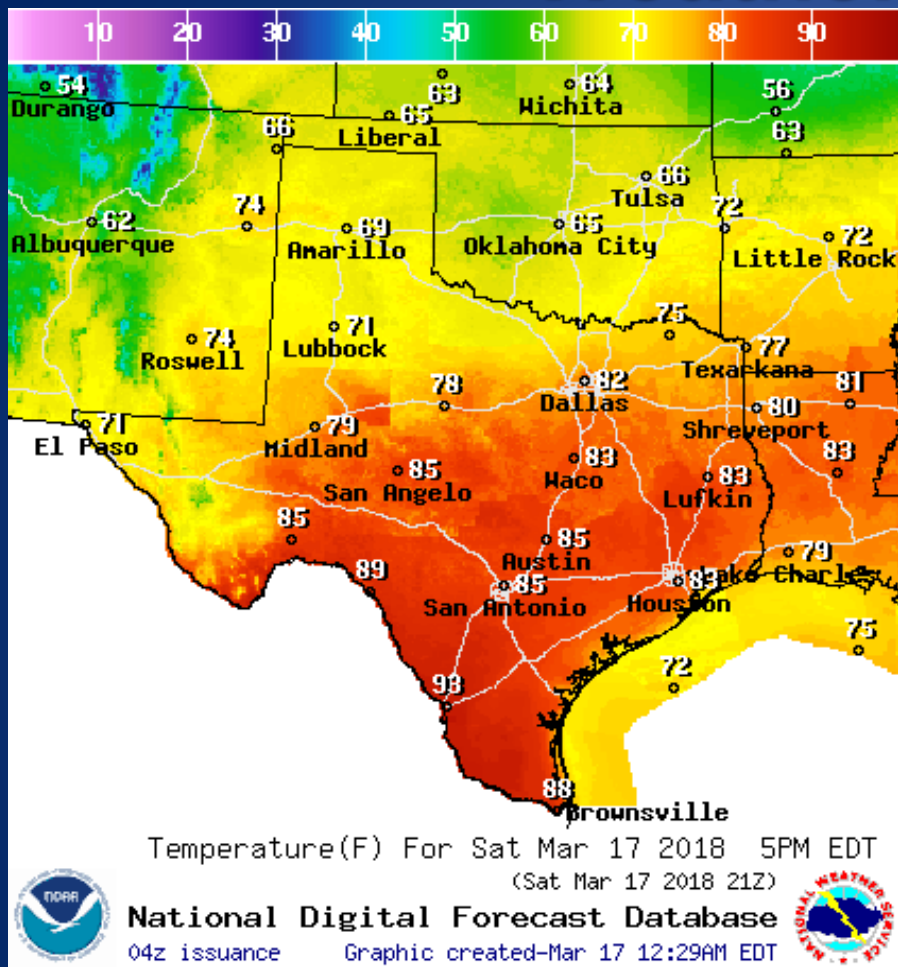
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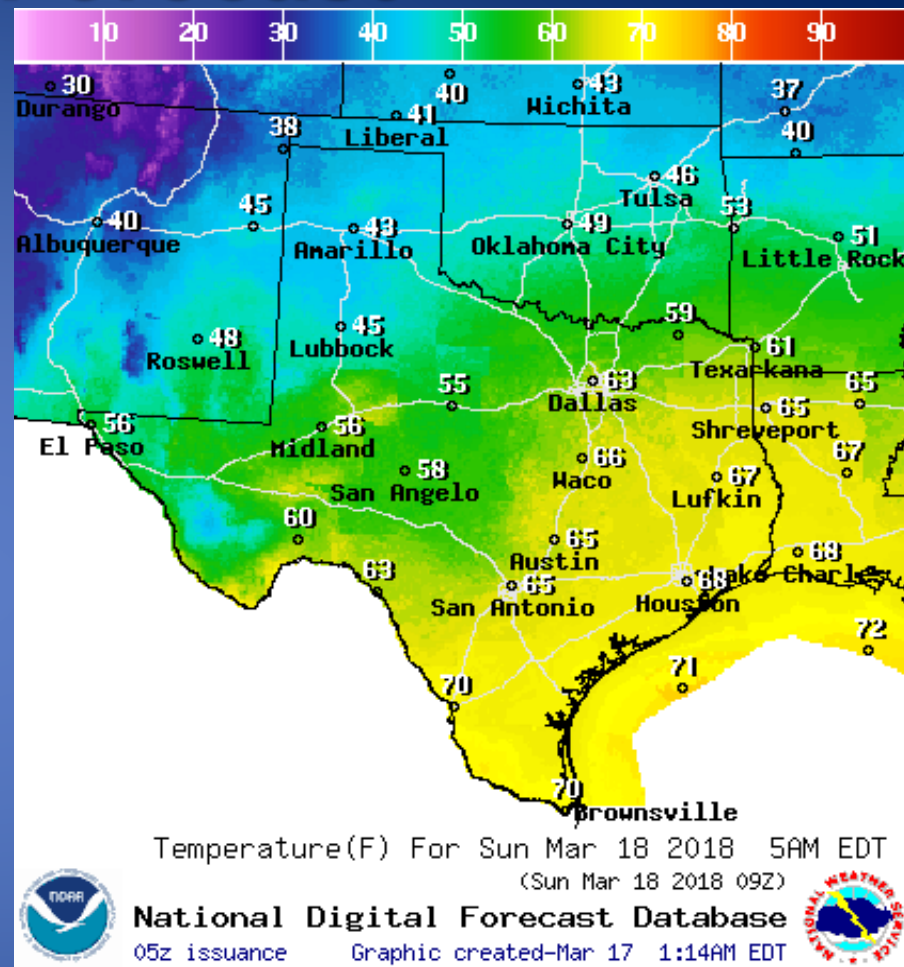
## Informational Products Distributed by the State Operations Center

DATE	SUBJECT
03/16/18	NWS Fort Worth- UPDATE: Severe Weather Possible this weekend. Fire Weather concerns today, Sunday and Monday
03/16/18	High Winds and Critical Fire Weather Sunday
03/17/18	NWS Amarillo- Saturday morning Fire Weather Briefing Update for Sunday March 18th, 2018
03/17/18	NWS Brownsville: Probabilistic Hydrologic Outlook for Los Olmos Creek Basin
03/17/18	FEMA Region IV Weather Threat Brief

# Weather Forecast



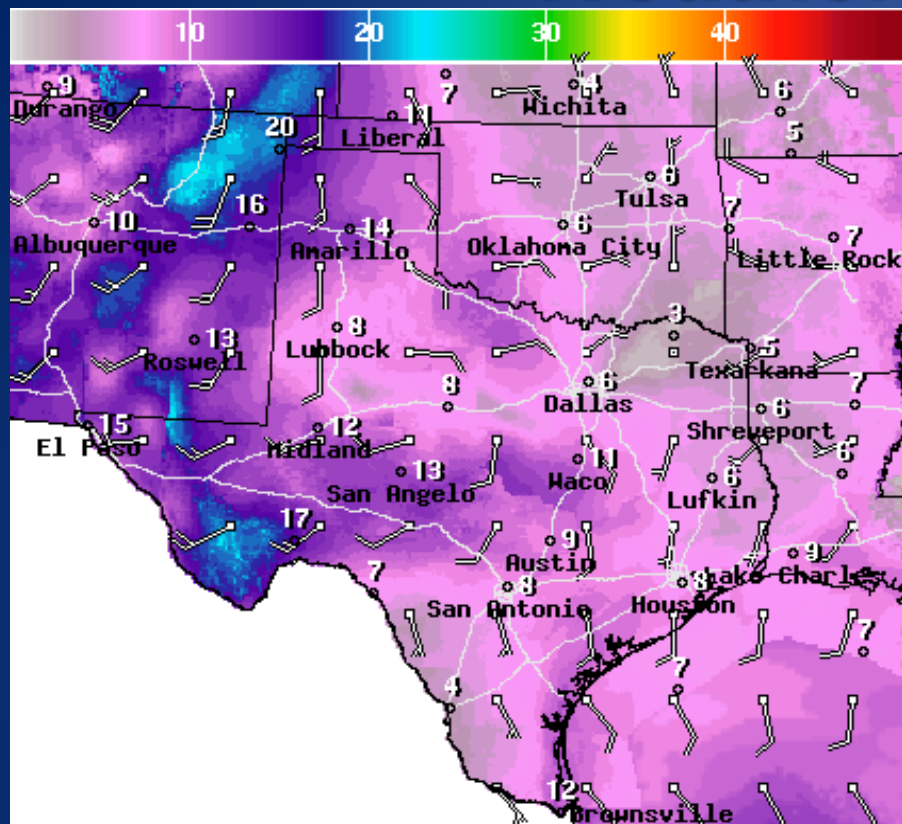
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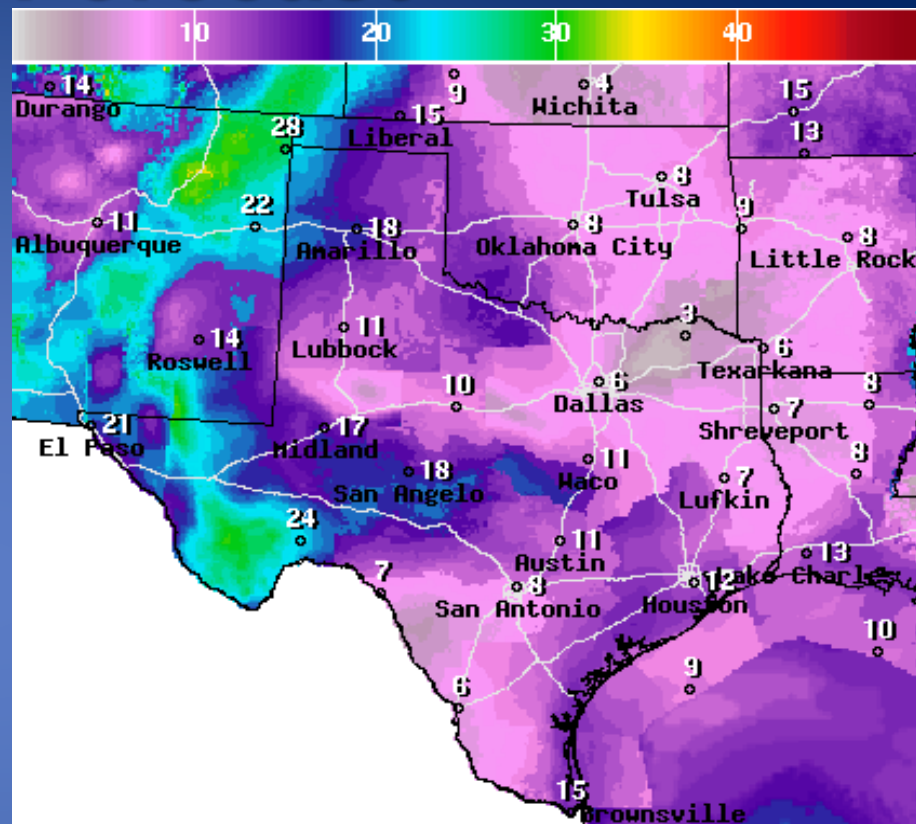


# Weather Forecast



 **National Digital Forecast Database**  
04z issuance Graphic created-Mar 17 12:24AM EDT 

## Wind Speeds



 **National Digital Forecast Database**  
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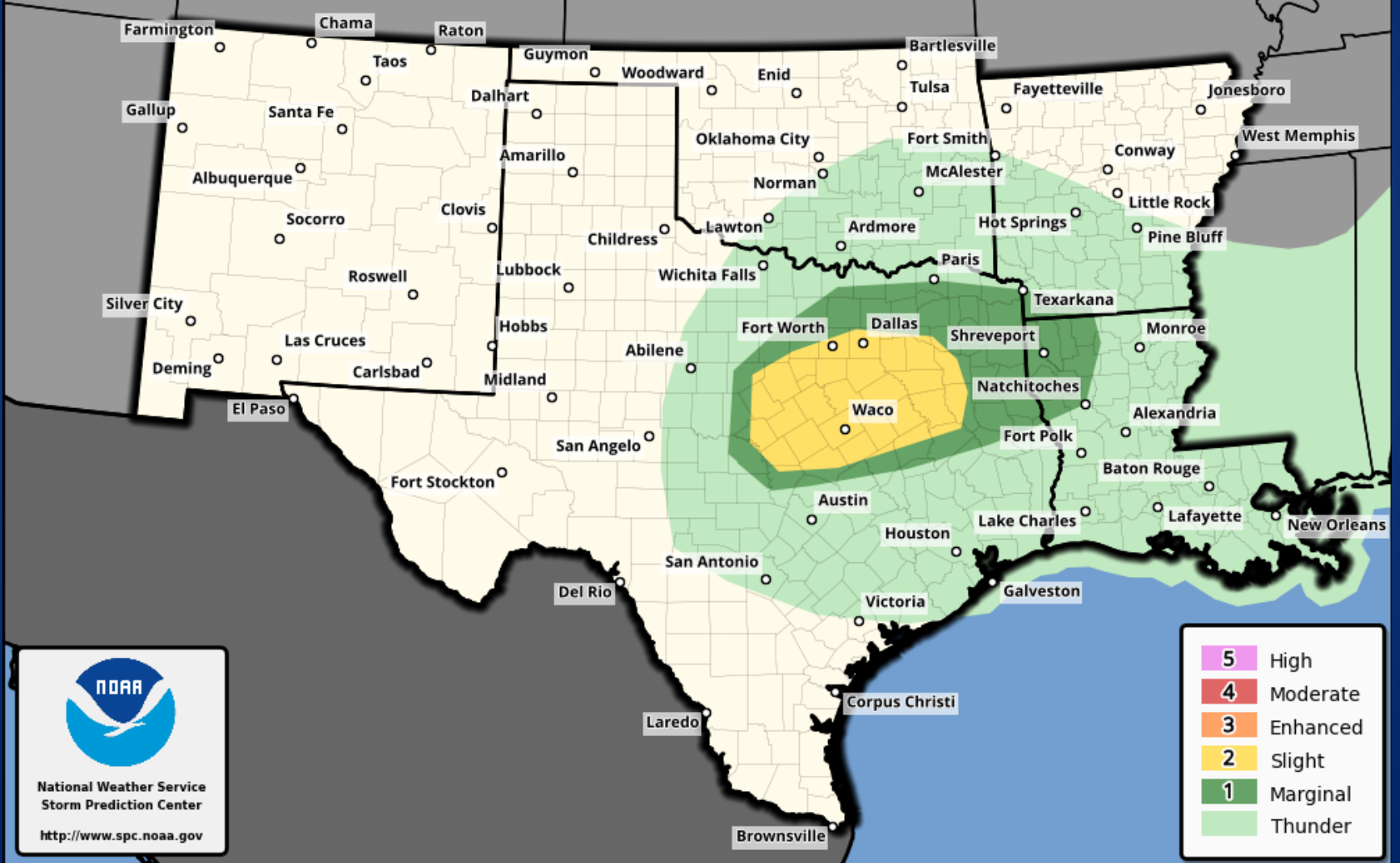
## Gusts

# Hazardous Weather

Highlighted Area: FEMA Region 6

Last Updated: Mar 17 2018 0759 AM CDT  
Valid Until: Mar 18 2018 0700 AM CDT

## Severe Weather Outlook Saturday, March 17, 2018



National Weather Service  
Storm Prediction Center

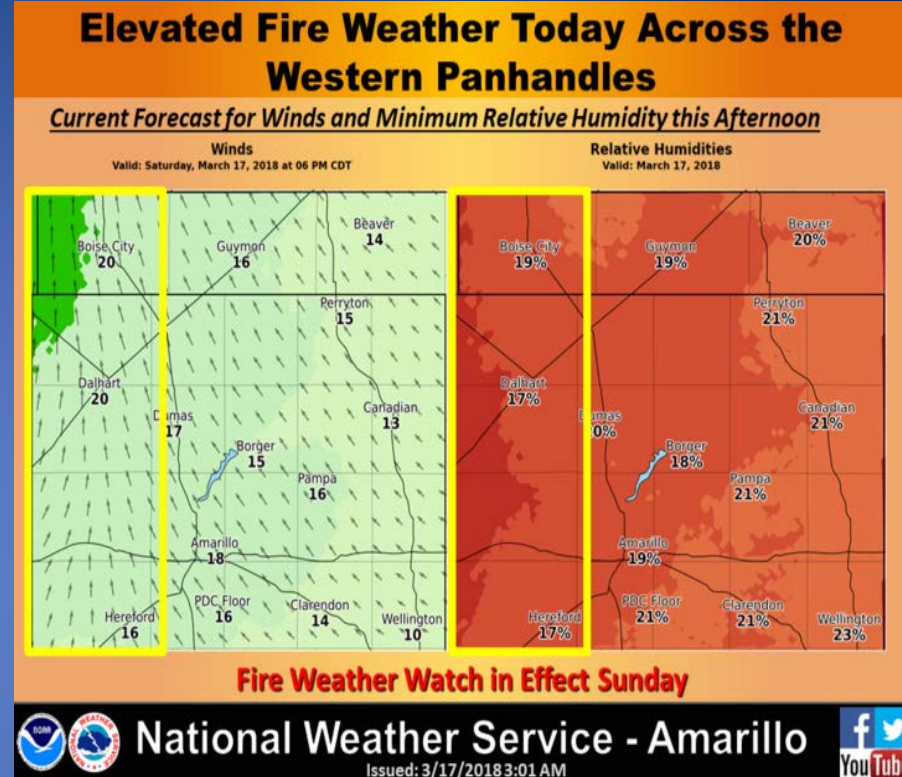
<http://www.spc.noaa.gov>



# Hazardous Weather



There is a threat for severe storms this afternoon and evening across much of North and Central Texas. Storms are expected to develop around 3-4 PM to our west and will subsequently track towards the east and north. Storms today will be capable of producing large hail (some golf ball-sized hail is possible), in addition to damaging wind gusts (mainly south of I-20), and even a few tornadoes in the red outlined area in particular.



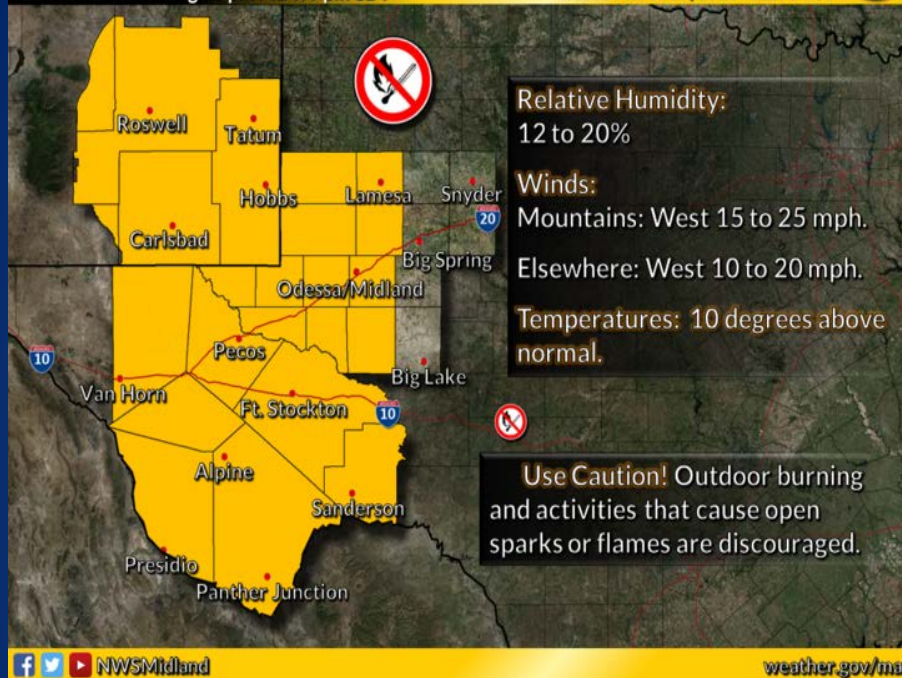


# Hazardous Weather

## Elevated Fire Weather

This Afternoon through 6 pm MDT/7 pm CDT

Weather Forecast Office  
Midland/Odessa, TX  
Issued March 17, 2018 4:22 AM CT



## Fire Weather Watch Sunday Afternoon and Evening

- West winds will increase to 20 to 25 mph with gusts exceeding 30 mph
- Humidity values will fall to 10% to 15%
- Fires could spread rapidly with these conditions.
- Avoid open flames and sparks, and keep vehicles off grassy surfaces.



National Weather Service San Angelo, TX Updated: Mar 17 5:28AM

A Fire Weather Watch has been posted for Sunday afternoon and evening, from Noon until 9 PM. This encompasses western parts of the area, for the counties shaded in orange on the map. This includes the cities of San Angelo, Sweetwater, Ozona, Mertzon and Rotan. Well above normal temperatures will be combined with an intrusion of very dry air and gusty west winds. Winds are expected to become even stronger Sunday evening into Sunday night.



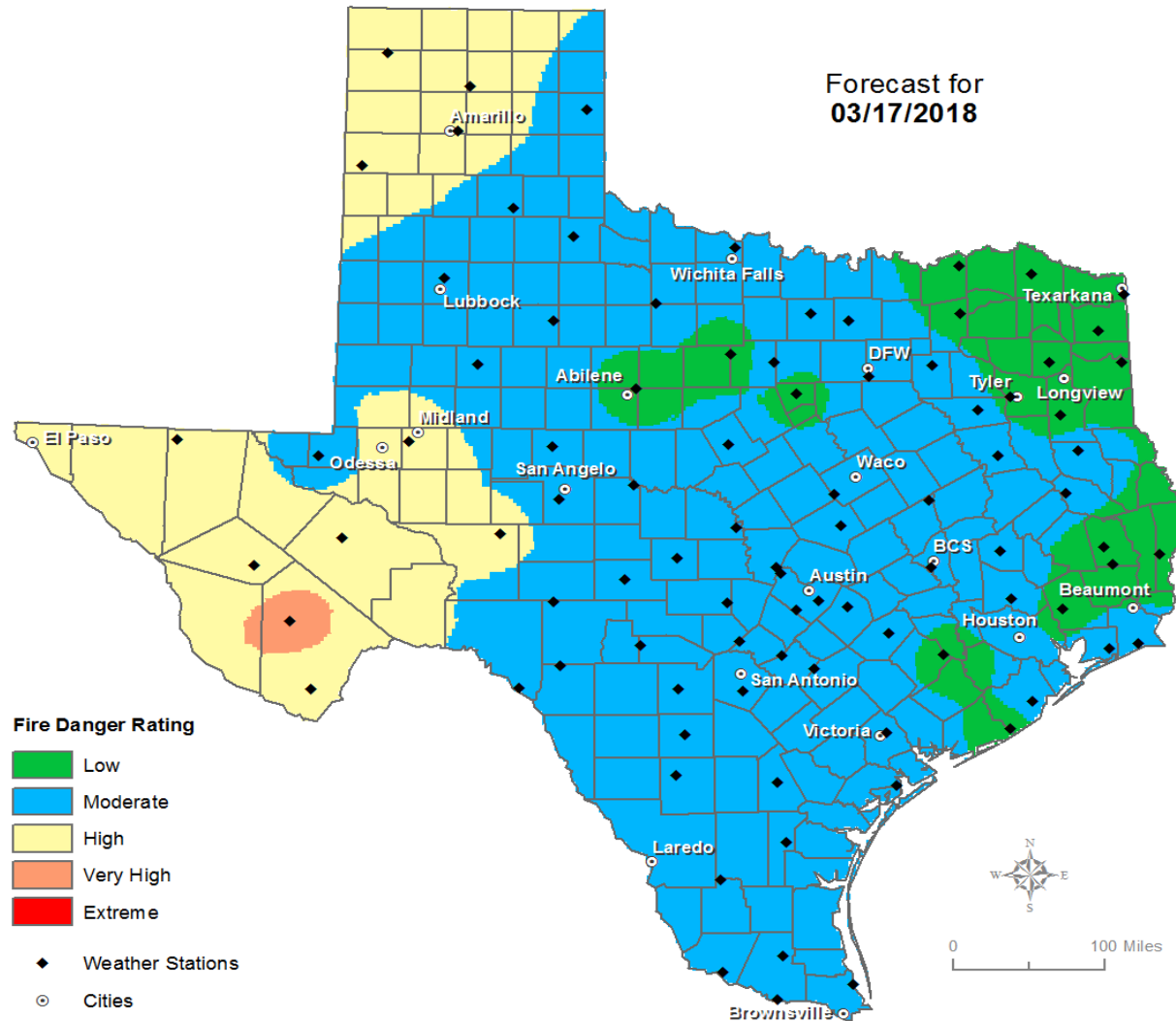
# Weather Warning/Advisories Issued

DATE	WARNING TYPE	LOCATION
03/16/18	Flood Warning Continues	Sabine River near Deweyville affecting Newton and Orange Counties; South Sulphur River in Delta and Hopkins Counties; Trinity River near Moss Bluff affecting Chambers and Liberty Counties

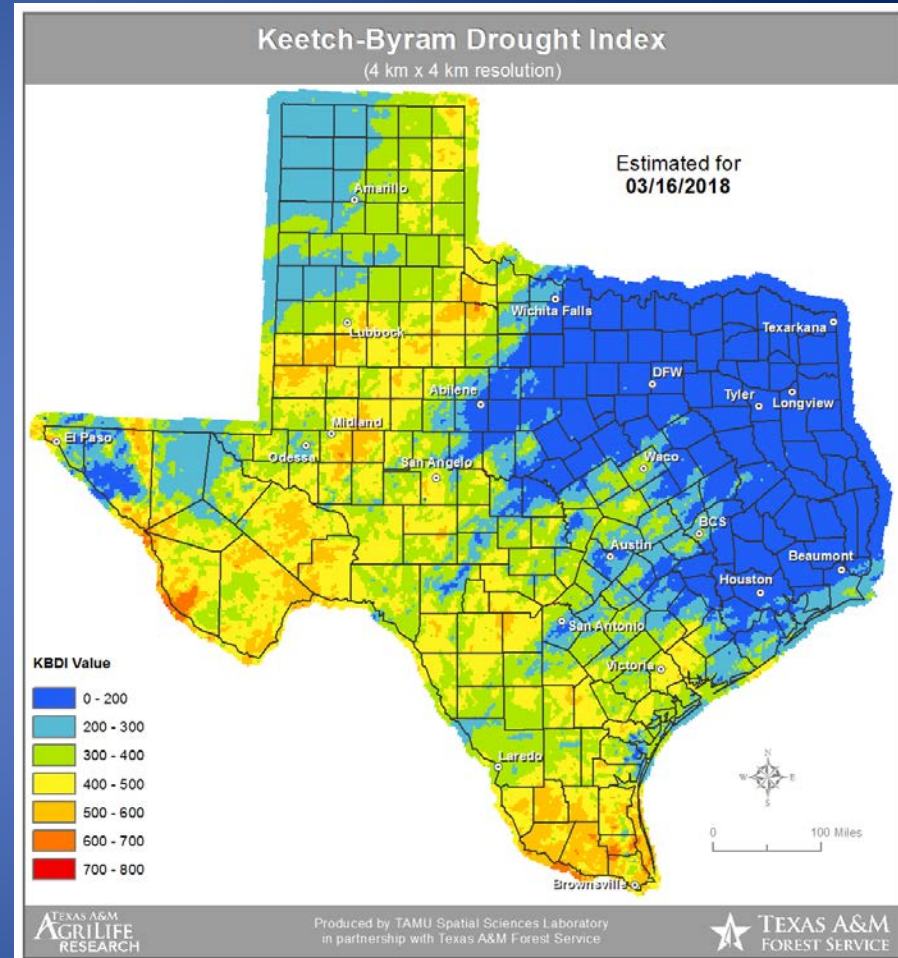
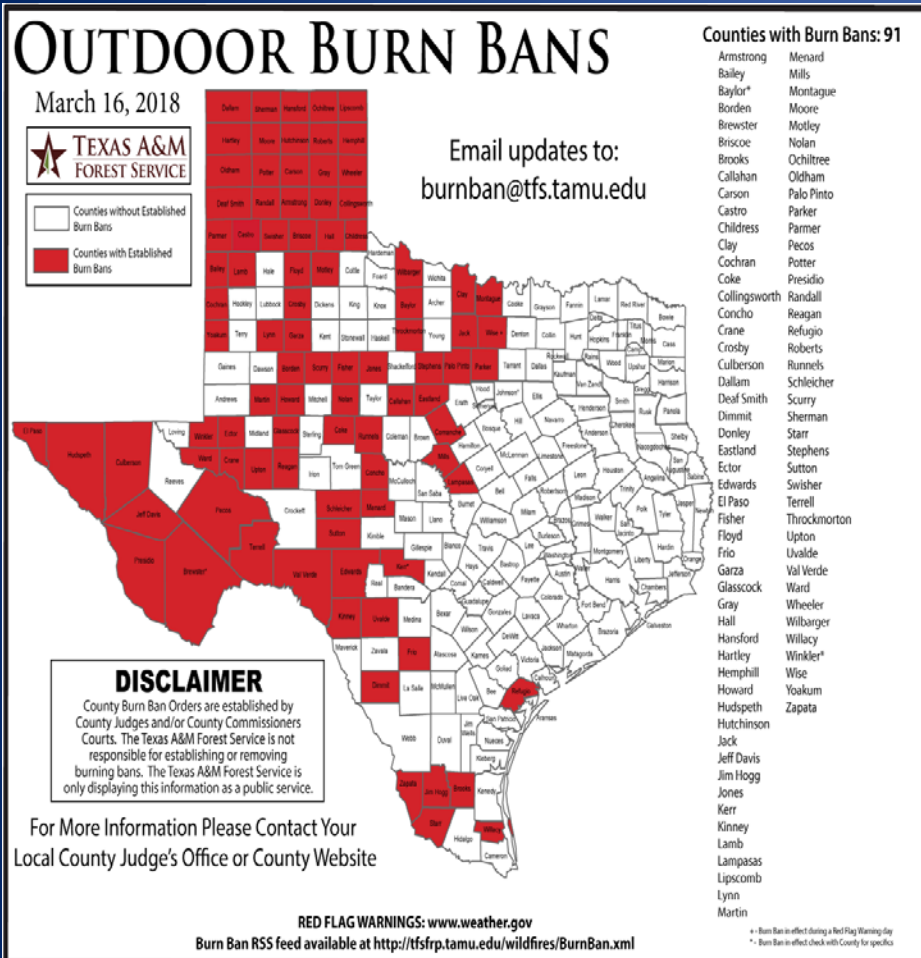
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## Forecast Fire Danger

Forecast for  
03/17/2018



# Burn Bans and KBDI INDEX



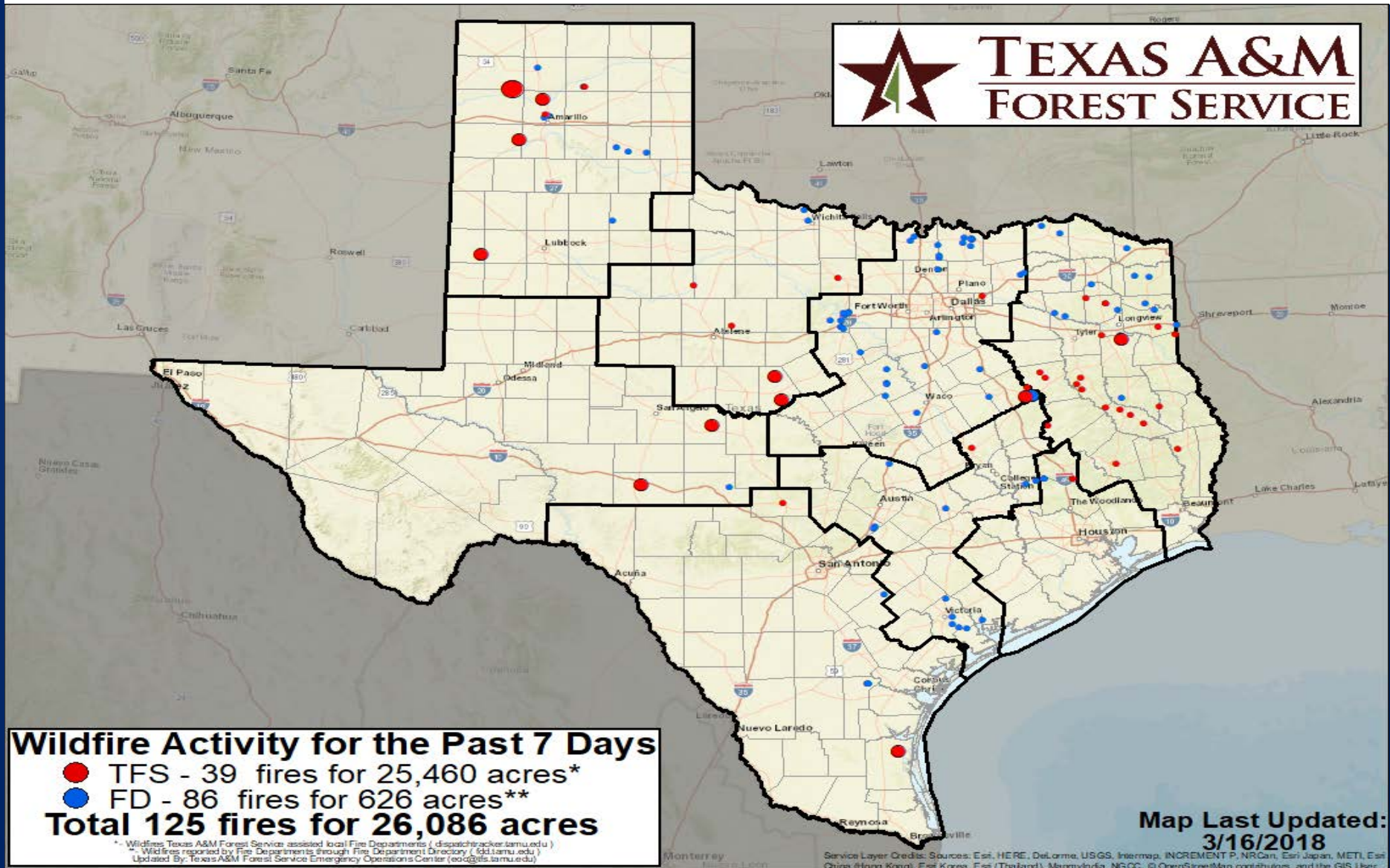


# Fire Weather Warnings/Watches/Statements

DATE	WARNING TYPE	LOCATION
03/16/18	Red Flag Warning Remains in Effect	Cooke, Eastland, Jack, Palo Pinto, Parker, Montague, Stephens, and Young Counties
03/17/18	Red Flag Warning Remains in Effect	Andrews, Borden, Brewster, Crane, Culberson, Dawson, Ector, Gaines, Glasscock, Howard, Jeff Davis, Loving, Martin, Midland, Mitchell, Pecos, Presidio, Reagan, Reeves, Scurry, Terrell, Upton and Ward Counties
03/17/18	Fire Danger Statement	Andrews, Bailey, Brewster, Briscoe, Castro, Childress, Cochran, Crane, Culberson, Dallam, Dawson, Deaf Smith, Ector, Gaines, Hall, Hartley, Jeff Davis, Loving, Martin, Midland, Oldham, Parmer, Pecos, Presidio, Reeves, Swisher, Terrell, Upton, Ward, Winkler and Yoakum Counties

# Fire Activity (\*Last 24 Hours)

Reports 227 (no change) fires and 24,845 (no change) acres destroyed this year. There are 91 (no change) counties with burn bans. The Keetch–Byram Drought Index list 56 (+3) counties with an average over 400.



# Training

DATES		TITLE	COURSE	LOCATION
01/11/18	03/29/18	Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Course	G-317	Yorktown
03/09/18	03/17/18	Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Course	G-317	Killeen
03/13/18	04/10/18	Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Course	G-317	Stephenville

# Exercises

DATE(S)		AGENCY/LOCATION	EXERCISE
03/17/18	03/17/18		No Exercise Schedule
03/18/18	03/18/18	City of Dallas OEM/Dallas	Full-Scale: Majestic has Fallen



# Statewide Significant Events

DATE(S)		LOCATION	EVENT
03/02/18	03/24/18	South Padre Island	Spring Break – SPI
03/08/18	03/17/18	Mercedes	Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show
03/09/18	03/17/18	South Padre Island	City of South Padre Island Spring Break “Texas Week”
03/09/18	03/18/18	Austin	SXSW
03/12/18	03/26/18	Austin	Star of Texas Rodeo
03/17/18	03/17/18	Dallas	St Patrick’s Day Parade
03/17/18	03/17/18	Houston	St Patrick’s Day Parade